

**United States District Court, Eastern District of Washington**  
**Magistrate Judge Alexander C. Ekstrom**  
**Richland**

**USA v. JORGE BALLESTEROS**

**Case No. 4:20-CR-6004-SAB-1**  
**4:22-CR-6021-SAB-1**

**Defense Motion to Withdraw as Counsel Hearing:**

**12/16/2022**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sara Gore, Courtroom Deputy [R]                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caitlin Baungard, US Atty (video) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pam Howard, Courtroom Deputy [video]                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ricardo Hernandez, Defense Atty   |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interpreter <b>NOT REQUIRED</b>   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defendant present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in custody USM | <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant not present / failed to appear     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> out of custody  |   |

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**REMARKS**

Court colloquy with Counsel that regarding this hearing.  
Defense counsel advised USA needs to be excused from portion to this hearing and requests the hearing be sealed – **granted**.

USA Baungard excused 2:36 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Court grants Defense motion to withdraw and Mr. Ballesteros will be appointed new counsel from the CJA panel.